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Research Support
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to phase out research support to pharma industry by 2020, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any resistance has come from Pharma Industry in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the support to Pharma Industry towards research and development?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR).

(a) - No, Madam.
(b)- In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c)- Various steps are being taken by different Departments of the Government to increase the support to Pharma Industry towards research and development.

(i) Department of Science & Technology (DST) is operating a scheme called Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme (DPRP) under which financial assistance is rendered to Pharma companies for carrying out research work pertaining to Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and formulations besides herbal and biotechnological research. Financial assistance is also provided for setting up National facilities for research in the field and for carrying out collaborative research by industry and academic institutions.

(ii) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) is providing financial assistance (in research mode) to private companies including Pharma Industry for R&D activities under the CSIR-New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (CSIR-NMITLI) Scheme.

(iii) Department of Biotechnology is also providing fund for research by start-up companies as well as industrial units for carrying out various biotechnological research work.

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